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1. On 8 February, 16 February, 7 March and 14 March 1955, Oranienburg Castle still quartered an estimated 400 to 500 KVPs who wore red-bordered black collar patches. Sometimes, 20 to 30 soldiers were observed leaving the installation for field training, while on other occasions, the same number of soldiers was seen at aiming practice with 2 to 4 x 37-mm AA guns or 2 x 85-mm AA guns. On 14 March 1955, it was noted that the VPs entering and leaving the installation included a large portion of NCOs. ^{1 and 2} 25X1

2. In late February 1955, Colonel Leverenz was identified as head of the KVP school in Oranienburg Castle and Walter Hays as director of political indoctrination. Almost every morning 300 to 350 soldiers were observed at drill, marksmanship training and field training, while in the afternoon they presumably received instruction. During the second ten days of March, no heavy weapons were observed and officers were seen walking toward and coming from the direction of the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp. 25X1

3. In the afternoon of 28 February 1955, about 80 officer candidates who carried no rifles assembled in the area of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne in Potsdam, apparently for an inspection. Eight to 10 field officers were observed in front of the officer candidates. During the first two weeks of March 1955, no activity was observed outside the billets. ^{2 and 3} the officer candidates participated in exercises near Kietz and Altengrabow. 25X1

4. On 10 February 1955, the installation on Junkers Strasse in Dessau quartered an estimated 600 to 700 KVPs. Sentries observed at the installation wore black, pink and green collar patches. ⁴ 25X1

5. The installation on Kl. Kuehnauer Strasse was apparently still occupied only slightly by KVPs who wore various service colors. ⁵

6. In mid-February 1955, in the installation at Strausberg airfield, a document bore the letterhead "Ministerium des Innern, Kasernierte Volkspolizei, Dienststelle Dresden I" (Ministry of the Interior, KVP

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Office Dresden I) and the signature "Adam, Oberst, Leiter der Dienststelle" (Adam, Colonel, Head of Office).⁶

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7. On 21 February 1955, the KVP School officer school on August Bebel Strasse in Dresden apparently quartered only administrative personnel and a guard company of 100 to 150 men who wore light-red black collar patches. Four canvas-covered tanks or SP guns on IS chassis were observed in the area of the installation.
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8. On 11 March 1955, negotiations with Captain Kleffel, supply officer in the former Ziethen Kaserne on Ludwig Feuerbach Strasse in Torgau, revealed that this installation housed a KVP military school. Members of the school wore light-red - bordered black collar patches. The installation included three four-story buildings.
9. On 29 January 1955, the Petersberg Kaserne in Erfurt was occupied by KVP agencies which included a billeting office whose members wore red-bordered dark-green collar patches. One Major Graefe was supply officer.
10. On 4 March 1955, the former Holzdorf estate southwest of Weimar was occupied by about 500 KVP officer candidates.⁹
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1. Comment. The present report confirms the Oranienburg AAA school with Colonel Lewerenz, commander, and Major Heyne, deputy for political affairs. Both have been mentioned in previous reports.
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2. Comment. An intermediate examination for officer candidates was possibly held in late February or early March 1955.
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3. Comment. The Potsdam Motor Transport School has repeatedly taken part in exercises of the troops at the station.
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4. Comment. It is known that the trainees of the KVP engineer school included officer candidates of the border police and the SSD.
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5. Comment. At least prior to the fall of 1954, the installation on K. Kuehnauer Strasse in Dessau was occupied by the ~~SS~~ officers' school of the KVP.
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6. Comment. The present report confirms the KVP war college or military academy which is commanded by Colonel Adam and included a cadre company.
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7. Comment. As early as December 1953, Captain Kleffel has been mentioned as supply officer of the Torgau artillery school.
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8. Comment. Agencies known in the Petersberg Kaserne in Erfurt include the KVP supply school to which Major Graefe belongs.
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9. Comment. The present report confirms the interpreters' school.
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